A Full and True

ACCOUNT

OF THE

Apprehending and Taking of Mr. *GEORGE DAVIS*, on *Sunday* last, for the Poysoning of one Mrs. *MARY SKIE*, living in *Stone-Cutter-Street*, near *Fleet-ditch*.

As also, how he got her With-Child; as likewise of his being carried before the Worshipful Sir *Edward Clarke* in *Gutte-Lane*, and his Commitment to *Newgate*.

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MR. *Davis* being a Married Man, and having three Children, and his Wife to maintain, did not in the least consider his Charge, neither was he satisfied with his honest Wife, but being acquainted with Mrs. *Mary Skie*, soon by his Allurements gain'd her consent to Debauch her, and she being a Young Woman, brisk and airy, and an *Anabaptist* to boot, did not much resist his Endeavours, but yielded to his Request; In process of time she proved with-Child, and as it is said, several times eat Bitter Apples, and several other things, to destroy the Fruit of her Body; and on *Friday* last she was delivered of a dead Child, and in a few Hours after dyed her self: Her Friends having notice of it, Buried her on *Saturday*, at the *Baptist*'s Burying-Ground near *Bun-Hill*, and then got a Warrant for to take Mr. *Davis*, and accordingly they did on *Sunday* last in Saint *Brides* Church, he being Pew-keeper at the said Place; and carried him before the Worshipful Justice *Clarke* in *Gutter-Lane*, where the Evidence against him, proved he Poysoned her: At which he made what Defence he could for himself, but to no purpose, for he was committed to *Newgate*, in order to take a Tryal the next ensuing Sessions. One thing I had like to have forgot, which was that Mr. *Davis* insisted to have a Jury set upon her, when Mr. *Bateman* the Chyrurgeon said, He had look'd on her, and he supposed that she was Poysoned, but seemed to affirm it no otherways than by Supposition; whereof she has been since taken up and carried to some place to be Reviewed a second time, but she Stunk to that degree, that it was impossible; for which Reason she was carried back, and again Interr'd: So that Mr. *Davis* still remains in *Newgate*, involv'd in a great deal of Trouble; and his Wife also in the *Compter* on suspition, that he having a Child lay dead in the House when he was taken; insomuch that Sorrow aboundeth on every side; the one part troubles for the loss of a Sister, by such a violent Death; the other for their Imprisonment, and the Death of a Child. As also, it hath caosed a great dispute on every side, each Parties having imploy'd two very eminent Councils, and the Case being so extream ill, it caused Mrs, *Sarah Stout*'s Death to be brought in for an Example; so that at present I can give you no other Account, but in a short time it shall be Printed more at large, to the great Satisfaction of the whole World; in hopes that it may serve as a warning for others, to beware of Whoring, in regard of the great trouble that this hath brought these to.

It is said, her Friends took her up and open'd her, and then laid her into the Ground without a Jury or Corroner having view'd the Corps.

Besides one would think, that the firm Ingagement that is laid upon each other at the Day of Marriage; if they did but take it into Consideration, might cause any Person to have a care how they defile a Marriage-Bed: For in so doing, they displease God, and run the hazard of the loss of their poor and immortal Souls.

Also the Breach of a Commandment is here, by Destroying our Fellow Creature, when God has said, *Thou shalt do no Murder*: So that one would wonder, that Men so little regard God, their Souls, Lives and Reputations here; notwithstanding we often see for the like Crimes, Men go to Condign Punishment; and tho' it hath been so, that the Wicked hath took no warning hitherto. I hope this may serve for others hereafter to take warning.

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